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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by the following:

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report for placement in the file.

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A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §.1.98(d). Applicants note reference U.S. Patent Number 6,124,131 was previously cited to the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2002.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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